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1. SUMMARY: GVN REP DENOUNCED RECENT COMMUNIST
AMBUST OF FPJMT HELICOPTERS IN VIGOROUS TERMS AND THEN
URGED OTHER SIDE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT RECENT GVNDEL PRO-

CEDURAL PROPOSALS. PRG RE WADED THROUGH STANDARD
RECITAL OF ALLEGE US AND GVN VIOLATIONS URGED A
POSITIVE GVN RESPONSE TO PRG'S FIVE POINTS RECENTLY PUT
FORWARD IN TPJMC, AND THEN WALKED OUT IN PROTEST
AGAINST ALLEGEDLY HARSH LANGUAGE OF GVN. DATE OF NEXT
MEETING NOT AGREED. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTING GVNDEL CHIEF NGUYEN XUAN PHONG BEGAN WITH
STERN AND DETAILED DENUNCIATION OF COMMUNISTS'
"PARTICULARLY BARBAROUS AND IGNOBLE" ACT IN AMBUSHING
FPJMT HELICOPTERS DEC 15. HE DECLARED THIS SORT OF
TOTAL ABSENCE OF CONSCIENCE AND SCRUPLES WAS TYPICAL OF
COMMUNIST REPRESSION, ASSASSINATION AND MASSACRES, AND
THAT INCIDENT REFLECTED CLEARLY "BELLICOSE AND AGGRESSIVE"
POLICY OF HANOI AS IT ATTEMPTED TO CONQUER SVN BY FORCE.
PHONG URGED PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IF OTHER SIDE WOULD
ACCEPT PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS GVN HAD PUT FORWARD AT
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TWO PREVIOUS SESSIONS. PHONG CLOSED WITH WARNING THAT HIS

DELEGATION WOULD ADOPT AN APPROPRIATE ATTITUDE IF COMMUNISTS PERSISTED IN THEIR SABOTAGE OF THE TALKS.

3. ACTING PRGDEL CHIEF DINH BA THI REHEARSED WELL-WORN ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GVN AND US REGARDING CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND INTRODUCTION OF MILITARY SUPPLIES AND US MILITARY PERSONNEL. HE ASSERTED THAT AMERICANS DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS ICCS AND JMC PERSONNEL TO "INFILTRATE ILLEGALLY INTO THE PRG-CONTROLLED ZONE, THUS VIOLATING THE TERRITORY, SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY OF THE REVOLUTION-ARY GOVERNMENT." THI STATED KEY TO A SOLUTION IN SVN WAS US DECISION TO STOP ITS INTERVENTION IN SVN BY HALTING ILLEGAL MILITARY AID, ENDING ITS RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER PRG AND DRV TERRITORY, AND WITHDRAWING ITS 25,000 MILITARY ADVISORS. IN CONCLUSION THI ASSERTED IF GVN REALLY WANTED PEACE IT MUST RESPOND POSITIVELY TO FIVE POINTS PRG PUT FORWARD IN TPJC DECEMBER 14 ON CEASEFIRE, PRISONER RELEASE, IMPLEMENTATION OF ELEVEN POINTS ON PRIVILEGES, TRANSFER OF CENTRAL JMC TO DOWNTOWN SAIGON, AND REGULATIONS OF INTRODUCTION OF MILITARY SUPPLIES INTO SVN. (FOR TEXT THESE POINTS SEE FBIS HANOI IN VIETNAMESE TO VIETNAM 1445 GMT 15 DEC 73.)

4. AFTER COMPLETING HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, THI SAID HIS DELEGATION WAS INTERRUPTING THE MEETING AT THAT POINT IN PROTEST AGAINST THE "HARSH" LANGUAGE OF THE GVN STATEMENT, AND THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY. PRGDEL THEN WALKED OUT.

5. GVNDEL ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT DECLARING WALK-OUT DEMONSTRATED COMMUNISTS DID NOT WANT A POLITICAL SOLUTION BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT WIN AN ELECTION, AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THEY WERE PREPARING FOR A GENERAL OFFENSIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. PRGDEL ISSUED NOTICE OF 2 PM PRESS CONFERENCE SO TARDILY (AFTER 1 PM) THAT NO ONE CAME. CONSEQUENTLY PRGDEL WAS REDUCING TO ISSUING A PRESS STATEMENT
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EXPLAINING STRONG LANGUAGE USED BY PHONG HAD CAUSED PRG TO CLOSE THE MEETING, AND ACCUSING "SAIGON ADMINISTRATION" OF DESIRING TO DOWNGRADE AND SABOTAGE THE TALKS.

7. COMMENT: SINCE GVNDEL HAD NO CHANCE TO RESPOND TO PRG PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING NEXT FRIDAY, AT PRESENT THERE IS NO AGREED DATE AND TWO DELEGATIONS WILL DISCUSS MATTER IN LIAISON CHANNELS.

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